

107TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 2879

To improve migratory bird management by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 12 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 11), 2001

Mr. ROSS (for himself, Mr. BERRY, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. SHOWS, and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. MIGRATORY BIRD MANAGEMENT BY THE DE-**  
4 **PARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.**

5 (a) EXEMPTION FROM NEPA.—Migratory bird man-  
6 agement activities carried out by the Secretary of Agri-  
7 culture shall be exempt from the National Environmental  
8 Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

1       (b) ACTIONS UNDER THE MIGRATORY BIRD TREATY  
2 ACT.—An agent, officer, or employee of the Animal and  
3 Plant Health Inspection Service of the Department of Ag-  
4 riculture that carries out any activity relating to migratory  
5 bird management may take the following actions under the  
6 Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703 et seq.):

7           (1) Issue depredation permits to stakeholders or  
8       cooperators of the Service.

9           (2) Manage and take migratory birds.

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